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COMMENTS SOUGHT ON VERIZON PETITION TO EXTEND WAIVER OF SECTION 61.42(g) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

WCB/Pricing File No. 05-17

COMMENTS DUE: March 7, 2005

REPLY COMMENTS DUE: March 14, 2005

On April 21, 2004, the Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau granted the Verizon telephone companies (Verizon) a limited waiver of section 61.42(g) of the Commission's rules for the purposes of Verizon's 2004 Annual Access filing.¹ On February 17, 2005, Verizon filed a petition requesting a temporary extension of its previous waiver to permit Verizon to exclude advanced services in its FCC Tariff No. 20 from price caps in the 2005 annual access tariff filing.² This would include the advanced services that were transferred to Verizon from its separate advanced services affiliate, Verizon Advanced Data Inc. (VADI).³

Interested parties may file comments on or before March 7, 2005, and reply comments on or before March 14, 2005. When filing comments, please reference WCB/Pricing File No. 05-17.

An original and four copies of all pleadings shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail).

The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m.

¹ Petition for Waiver of the Commission's Price Cap Rules for Services Transferred from VADI to the Verizon Telephone Companies, WCB Pricing File No. 04-16, Order, 19 FCC Rcd 7095 (2004); see also 47 C.F.R. § 61.42(g).

² Petition for Waiver of the Commission's Price Cap Rules for Services Transferred from VADI to the Verizon Telephone Companies at 1, 6 (filed Feb. 17, 2005) (Verizon Petition).

³ Verizon Petition at 1.

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All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Room TW-A325, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties are requested also to send a copy of their filings to Margaret Dailey and Marvin Sacks via e-mail (margaret.dailey@fcc.gov, marvin.sacks@fcc.gov). Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com. Documents in the proceeding are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 418-0270, TTY (188) 835-5322. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com.

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For further information, contact Marvin Sacks of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1520.

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).